



City of Danbury
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

Danbury Main Street Partnership

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 6, 2012 – 4pm

City Council Chambers

Next regularly scheduled meeting: January 3, 2013

Members Present: Mayor Mark Boughton, Mike Kallas, Shawn Palmer, Paul Reis, Warren Levy, James Maloney, Ingrid Alvarez-Dimarzo

Members Absent: Edward Ackell, Marie O'Neill, Steve Bull, Andrea Gartner

Staff/Guests Present: Dennis Elpern – Planning and Zoning Director, Bruce Tuomala – Economic Development Director, Roger Palanzo – Mayor's Office, Antonio Iadarola – Public Works Director, Dot Stasny – Public Works, Tom Devine – City Center, John Deering.

Meeting was called to order by Mike Kallas at 4:16pm.

Approval of minutes from October 4, 2012 meeting - Motioned by Warren Levy; Seconded by Ingrid Alvarez-Dimarzo, Unanimous Approval.

New Business:

A) Mayor Boughton update:

- 1) Announcement of new tenant for 35 Main Street to be Price Rite Inc.
 - Lease is approved and full structure renovations to begin
 - Long term lease
 - \$5M Building improvements/investment
 - 125 New employees
 - Grand opening to be late Spring/early Summer
- 2) Downtown merchants meeting was very successful with approximately 90 participants.
- 3) Council approved Downtown Entertainment License. Application now being drafted.

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- 4) New downtown UNIT officer is now in place and actively patrolling and communicating with downtown merchants. This effort is to educate and increase awareness of ordinances and their strict enforcement. This endeavor is made to improve the downtown experience for Danbury businesses and its patrons.
 - 5) Danbury Innovation Center (DIC) walk-through completed. Research underway for project architect.
 - 6) Paul Mitchell renovation of new city center location complete. Grand Opening event was very well attended.
 - 7) Currently studying the implementation of an audio system to play classical music at Library Place and Kennedy Park.
 - 8) Study underway to test the viability of a skate park on City parcel #9 by the Metro-North train station.
- B) Public Works – Antonio Iadarola Presentation
- Ongoing operations for downtown (garbage removal, set-up for events, lawn care plantings, decorations, special snow removal, etc..) Estimated annual cost - \$185,000.
 - Capital improvements (Special sidewalk/street sweeping equipment, new energy efficient lighting, new sidewalks, center island wiring and irrigation, etc...) 2012 cost - \$12.6 million
 - Mr. Iadarola stated the biggest challenge Public Works faces downtown is litter and vandalism.
 - Tom Devine thanked Public Works for their excellent work and cooperation with City Center and its staff. With this partnership, City Center realized a savings of \$60,000.
- C) Dennis Elpern stated that designs are being reviewed for the improvement of Kennedy Park.
- D) James Maloney wanted to invite all to attend the reception Monday, Dec. 11 at 11am of the completion of the Beaver Street Housing CoOp upgrades. Repair to twelve buildings, landscaping, and fencing were restored and has made a dramatic impact on the neighborhood. Future improvements include: 2013 – Interior work, 2014 Building roofs.
- E) Meeting to be held next week to discuss a proposal to lease 1 Ives Street to Catholic Charities.

Motion to Adjourn – Shawn Palmer, Seconded – Mike Kallas. Unanimous Acceptance.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:09pm